



Meeting Date: 28 January 2010

In Attendance:

Jean Rodgers

Crystal Walton

Lynnda Peterson

Jeremy Miller

Becky Schmiesing

Linda White

Aaron Brand

Jane Bush

Melody Jones

Ron Rothrock

Sally Rothrock

Melody opened meeting at 7 p.m.

Melody discussed WeCan meeting and reported success at that meeting.

Melody gave a quick synopsis of sub-committees.

- Heritage
- Floral Display
- Community/Tidiness

Melody talked about the presentation by Sheana Reinhart.

Broke into sub-committees.



Heritage Sub-committee Discussion:

Ideas for organizations to extend invitations or reach out to:

- Westfield preservation alliance
- Westfield historical society
- Westfield Washington township historical society
- Indiana historical society
- Hamilton county historical society
- InDOT, Connor Prairie
- Genealogy Society (Hamilton County)
- Quaker Church – Jeremy
- Preservation society (architecture) – Becky

AIB Heritage criteria –

Discussed things that America In Bloom looks for and that we would want to start inventorying for that competition.

- Museum
- Jane will find out what historic books we have.
- Becky will research more about preservation society.
- Crystal will be gathering contacts to outreach.
- Jeremy will get a contact with Quaker Church.
- Jane will check with Connor Prairie.
- Jeremy will check about the large tree registry.
- Jeremy will check on Historic Monon/Midland items.
- Crystal will look up all the cemeteries and who owns them and more information.
- Jane mentioned a possible connection with Mr. Garrett: Ameriana Bank. They may be willing to help with some events?



Heritage Sub-committee cont.:

Crystal brought up the possibility of involving local history teachers. That they might be willing to help and share their knowledge and experience.

The Heritage committee also discussed the possibility of getting involved with Grand Junction historic markers.

Monon/Midland Historical Landmarks:

Becky brought into the group a discussion regarding any historic markers from the Monon or Midland? Could they be included in the trail design? Is there a map that shows what property is owned by the city for the Monon and Midland?

Proposed ideas:

Research the historic names of Westfield Parks for the historic signage to be put in the parks.
Underground Railroad research and maybe a sculpture at Martha Doans Park.



Floral Display Sub-committee Discussion:

Opened with discussion of new categories to add to the 2010 competition.

Residential

- Best front entry-way (in order to extend to rental properties)
- Best Block/Cul-de-Sac (in order to get larger participation in neighborhoods)

Organizations

- Best Window Box displays
- Best Parking lot islands

Expand efforts to get the word out. Possibility of leaving brochures at

- Golf courses
- Local banks
- Grocery stores (Display bulletin board)
- And to utilize the electronic world

Next discussed other options for participants to complete registration online. Either by downloadable PDF to be filled out and returned by participants. Or by electronic registration. Also, new box to add to registration form would be a box that the participant could check to have their address included in a publishing of contestants. Possibility of making a map online of all entries.

Jane Bush was asked to have Brownie Troop hang door hangers in neighborhoods and people with "lovely gardens". She agreed.

Discussed the press release sent out by Carrie Cason. Would like to have a big story in the Current. Melody will contact them if they do not contact her.

Reviewed Ron Rothrock's CAI/Master Gardener workshop proposal and agreed the Master Gardeners on committee will be involved.



Community and Tidiness Sub-committee did not convene.

All Sub-committee's reconvened.

Reviewed Floral Display ideas with the rest of committee members in attendance.

Reviewed Heritage ideas with the rest of committee members in attendance.

Becky expressed interest in doing photography opportunities.

Next week's meeting Feb 11, 2010. City Service Building, Main Media Room.

Adjourned at: 9:45 pm

Minutes submitted for approval by: Kathy Gray on Jan 29, 2010.